

Originator

Item

Park Improvement Projects Update

Date

7/8/2015

Description

1. **Red Haddock Baseball Field Improvements** – Staff is exploring options to improve the drainage of the small stormwater pond along the pathway to the south parking lot. A concrete pad is proposed for the dirt area at the 3rd base side entrance.
2. **Normandale Lake Park Parking Lot Reconstruction** – Drain tile is planned to be installed in the north stormwater pond to improve drainage. Last month, it was discovered that all the parking lot light fixtures were on overnight, so the timer clock was reset so that 21 of the 35 light fixtures remained on overnight as security lighting. Staff have since reviewed the lighting levels and determined that the overnight security lighting should be further reduced. On June 9 the parking lot lights were re-circuited so that only 12 perimeter light fixtures in the south lot and five light fixtures on the west side of the north lot remain on overnight. The re-circuiting now spreads the lighting out along the perimeter of the lots, thereby reducing the visual impact of the lighting and drops the number of overnight security light fixtures to 17. Staff will continue to monitor the overnight security lighting to determine whether additional changes are warranted.
3. **2015 Park Improvement Projects** – neighborhood meetings were held on June 23 for the playground replacement projects at DuPont Playlot and Hampshire Hills Park. No opposition was voiced as to the planned improvements. The project consultant, CEI Engineering is currently drafting the project specifications and we hope to get the project out to bid in the next four to six weeks. We are tentatively planning to hold the public meeting to review the playground equipment proposals at the September 8 PARC meeting, then bring the project bid award to Council on September 14. Construction is anticipated to begin in early October and should be completed by spring 2016.
4. **Valley View Playfield Tennis Courts** – The bituminous pavement and new fencing have been installed. The net posts are scheduled for installation on June 30 and the color coating and striping of courts will take place July 6 – 7. Once the color coating has cured, the nets will be installed and the courts will reopen for use. Work should be completed by mid-July.
5. **Normandale Lake Bandshell Bike Racks** – The concrete pad and bike racks have installed.
6. **Bicycle Repair Stations** – The bicycle repair stations will be installed in the next couple of weeks at the Dred Scott Playfield/Hyland Trail and at the Bloomington Civic Plaza. The installation was delayed pending execution of a contract with the concrete contractor.

Requested Action

No action required.

Attachments: